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Wilson Is Ready for Final Action; Washington Fears War Will Come

SHIPPING HEAD DEMIANDS U.S.

Lansing St. Louis Sails To-morrow

ASKS IF BERLIN'S

ply to Owners of American Vessels

The question of whether the United States would abide by the rules for American ships laid down by Berlin, was put squarely to the State Depart-

P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine, sent a telegram to Secretary Lansing announcing that the steamship St. Louis

usual for Liverpool, the usual port of are to return home.

with the government war

the receipt of the German note and great interest is expressed in shipping circles relative to her departure, as the is regarded in the light of a "test" to be made upon them.

United States Senator-elect Frederick Hale, of Maine, sent the following cable message to President Wilson

Officials of the State Department anwould approve nor discourage the departure of American steamers for ports in the "war zone," until the President's stand in the matter was as follows: made public, and that to do so would "putting the cart before the

Mr. Franklin's telegram also advised that the liner Philadelphia, operated under the same conditions, was now about 1,200 miles from Liverpool on her way from New York; that the steamship Finland was due to leave Liverpool for New York February 3 or 4. and the steamship Kroonland had sailed yesterday from Liverpool for

Like the St. Louis, the Philadelphia, London and Paris Show No Fear Finland and Kroonland carry passenzers. On the Philadelphia there are thirty-five American citizens and 148 aliens, on the Finland forty-six Ameri cans and 114 aliens. Cable advices as to the Kroonland placed the number on board as 191, but gave no information as to their nationality.

Objects to Falmouth as Port

Objection to the designation by Germany of Falmouth as the British port phrates (2,809 tons gross) sunk. of destination for the American ships was also registered with Secretary Lansing by Mr. Franklin. He stated that Falmouth was a port without ade- tario (2,270 tons gross), submarined. quate terminal facilities, docking con- One man killed and one injured. veniences for means of obtaining coal, veniences for means of obtaining coal, terming it "absolutely impractical."

"We asked the State Department to dispatch an answer as soon as possible, to determine whether we should warn our liners at present at sea, and whether we should dispatch the St. Louis on her scheduled saiding time." haid Mr. Franklin last night. "We saiso pointed out that all vessels of the American flags painted on each side, that a searchlight played all night on the American flag hoisted at the stern, and that the names of all the ships were illuminated at night.

"We shall do nothing until the United States settles upon a policy and until we are advised by some one in authority as to what course we should access."

n authority as to what course we should pursue."

When asked directly whether the St. Louis would sail Saturday, Mr. Franklin said: "We are going ahead with our blans to sail for Liverpool according to our schedule as usual."

No Warning Sent to Liners

Asked if any word had been communicated to the liners Philadelphia and Finland, Mr. Franklin said:

We have sent no wireless messages to either the Philadelphia or Finland, two-thirds of whose passengers probably are citizens of the United States, ably are citizens of the United States,

GERMAN RAIDER SUNK KAISER PLANS BY BRITISH, IS REPORT

Squadron Engaged Rover, According to Rio Janeiro Advices

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 1.-Persistent eports have been received by the news-REVEAL POLICY reports have been received by the newsbeen sunk in an engagement with a

The British cruiser Amethyst is said P. A. S. Franklin Tells to have been in an engagement with a Ready to Invade Hol-

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 1.- The British cruiser Amethyst, one of the squadron searching for German raiders in the South Atlantic, was attacked by a submarine, according to the Pernambuco newspaper "Jornal Pequeno." but re- HOPES TO CRUSH pelled the attack. The cruiser then RULES WILL HOLD touched at Pernambuco to repair. The extent of the damage is not known.

The newspaper declares that the British consul admitted the attack on Other Lines Awaiting Re- the Amethyst, although the ship bore no evidence of having been in an en- not Swallow Insult-Amer-

2,500 AMERICANS **MAROONED IN PARIS** APPEAL TO U. S.

May Return-Senator Hale, in France, Wires Wilson

Paris. Feb. 1.- The American Emon, the St. Louis will sail as who may ask counsel as to how they

About 2,500 Americans are now in The telegrams sent by President Paris, according to the passport tion must mean the parting of the Franklin to Secretary Lansing officially record. Most of them have residences ways. Here America is fully exadvised the State Department that the here, occasionally visiting the United pected St. Louis is an American ship, owned States. They are for the most part Either Germany or America must by American citizens, insured by the engaged in business requiring them to back down or become enemies. United States War Risk Bureau, carries | Veyage to and from America. Among them are representatives of banks and importing houses.

The St. Louis is the first trans- Spanish line steamers are considered as war. Atlantic liner scheduled to sail since having far from sufficient cabin space

that no action would be taken by the limit in the German warning. Many that no action would be taken by the State Department, until the President's action on the German note was an approximately and solven man government, following the Sussex to and destroyed—Switzerland and Holland along with Belgium and Serbia, case, and desire to return in safety to America. Please cable advice as to and the United States in so far as she course for us to pursue.

Among other telegrams sent to members of the government at Washington

"Excellency: I desire to know on Department is as to returning to Amer-ica. It is wholly impossible to get a boat here within the time fixed by the German note."

10 VESSELS SUNK. **BUT ALLIED LINES** KEEP ON BOOKING

of U-Boats-Americans Also Undaunted

London, Feb. 1.- The sinking of ten gust. vessels, causing the death of eight men and the injury of one, was announced to-day by Lloyds. The victims were: British steamer Trevean (3,081 tons gross) and the Belgian steamer Eu-Dutch steamer Epsilon, 3,211 tons,

Steamer Dundee, of Hamilton, On

Tug Ida sunk, presumably by strik-ng a mine, while towing barges. Five

men lost.
Two trawlers and three smacks sunk with the loss of two men.
All the steamship offices, both American and British, which have ships billed to sail for America, are booking the steam of freight to day as usual passengers and freight to-day as usua

The American lines have received no intimations of any change in sailing programmes on account of the newly announced German naval policy. Paris, Feb. 1.—The Central Commit-

rine policy will cause no change what-ever in sailings from France. The Germans, it was declared, can do no more with their submarines than they have done already, and the only result will be to increase insurance rates and freight charges.

Add 100,000 to French Army

NEW TERRORS IN LAND WAR

land and Switzerland, London Believes

ALL WHO RESIST

British Believe U. S. Canican Prestige at Stake

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER

London, Feb. 1 .- Germany's announced campaign of increased Lansing Asked How Citizens frightfulness at sea will almost certainly be accompanied by an equally increased ruthlessness on land, Lon-

Wherever neutrals oppose her wishes they will be stamped down. passengers were being booked to sail bassy has sent a message to the State If Holland or Switzerland stand Department at Washington for instruc- where the German armies wish to go Unless instructed to the contrary by tions respecting Americans in France they will be crushed like Belgium, if

In the United States this realizato accept the challenge.

No matter how much the United as cargo such merchandise as is in various manufacturing companies and States may have compromised her Only one route from France indi- tions with Germany, it is not believed. rectly unmenaced by submarines re- either by the British or prominent mains open, that is by a long and ex- Americans here, that she will swalpensive journey to Spanish ports. The low the worst insult of the entire

With Germany the war has become a gamble. All wars are a gamble to an extent, but the Kaiser's General Staff has decided to gamble with the des oday:
"It is impossible to secure passage to times of neutral nations. Whoever stands in the way of Teuton domina

These opinions are based on many by Americans in Paris to-day was one by Frank H. Simonds, of New York. He addressed Secretary of State Lansing callings, both British and American, and represent the firm and general be-

Last Hope of Victory

The German General Staff decided some time ago that they could not win under present conditions. So nothing remained for German statesmen to do but to cast aside all pretence of following international law, which is supposed to rule belligerents, and defy the whole world. The Kaiser has decreed that Britain's sea power must be destroyed, while France shall be overwhelmed while France shall be overwhelmed nay, annihilated on land. That is his

Hope to Placate Wilson

not fighting for the same objectives as the enemy or using his measures. Bethmann-Hollweg's note is consid-Would Aid Allies Greatly

If America became Germany's open enemy the moral support would be greatly appreciated by the Allies, not

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AIREN-AUGUSTA-ASHEVILLE

Paris, Feb. 1 .- "L'Intransigeant" says

THE GROUND HOG:-GRACIOUS! WHERE DID I GET THE

IDEA IT WAS TIME TO COME OUT?

PORT GUARDED, U.S. IS WARNED NEUTRALSLOOK FORTS MANNED NOT TO 'MIX IN' TO U.S. TO LEAD

Ban; Destroyers Let Four Pass Out

heavily guarded by land and naval receives the announcement of unre-three leading European neutrals-

nay, annihilated—on land. That is his one hope of peace.

Failing to accomplish these ends, the war must end speedily—in German defeat. The Germans are not bluffing. They are in deadly earnest. The Kaiser hopes to terrorize, to sicken the civilized world to a point where the civilized world to a point where the fighting must stop in universal disputs.

All of the entrances lay under the guns of war craft last night. One destroyer hopes to terrorize, to sicken the civilized world to a point where the Lower Bay with steam up, and a fight for the country of the country of

At Fort Hamilton and Fort Wads-Though there is a genuine fear of worth, the two fortifications command-America's potentialities in the German Empire, her statesmen doubtless expected to placate and "stall off" the Upper Bay, extra guards were said President Wilson until they had serito have been detailed to the most im-President Wilson until they had seriously crippled Great Britain or had full
opportunity to try.

Another point. Norway's shipping
has been a big help to the Allies. The
Norsemen have continued to sail the
seas, despite the submarine menace
and despite the growing toll upon their
tonnage. The Germans propose now to

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breath disapproval.

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make that menace so great that Norwegian sailors will withdraw in terror from the wide-flung mine fields and the U-boat patrol.

could be placed upon this move by the military authorities, Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Decould be placed upon this move by the The British protest that they are partment of the East, said: "No instructions of that character

have been issued from this departered a better reply to convince the ment. It may be, however, that addi-President of this than anything the Allies could have done. They no longer worry about being "misunderstood" by America. They know the United States will decide they have a good

Four Ships Pass Out

"For two years unrestricted submarine warfare has been disputed in Germany. As long as there was any outlook of bringing our enemies back to
look of bringing our enemies back to tional precautions have been taken by

With these precautions in force, four

ships were allowed to pass out to sea be between sunset and midnight, but only after they had been overhauled by the vigilant craft off Quarantine and in-Fear that one of the interned Ger-

man liners might escape in the thick fog Wednesday night and attempt a Continued on page 7, column 4

forces last night that Collector of the stricted submarine warfare with de- Spain, Holland and Denmark show Port Dudley Field Malone modified his light. The pan-German papers do not Port Dudley Field Malone modified his exult to the extent which might have order which closed the harbor to all exult to the extent which might have situation created by Germany's latest iterating and outgoing traffic after

Will Submit

incoming and outgoing traffic after been expected, but the incoming and outgoing traffic after almost without exception, abandon note. their old-time opposition and hail the Chancellor's words with warmly patriotic expressions of approval.

Most of the journals devote a paragraph or more to the probable on neutrals, especially America. They Before deciding that it might be a good business proposition, after all, to defy the world, the German leaders probably figured that they had little to fear from Holland, unless the Dutch were guaranteed British support. They also believed that the Netherlands would follow the lead of America.

In support the mouth of Hell Gate, off Whitestone Landing.

On all fortifications from Atlantic stand Germany's position and approve it as the surest and quickest method of bringing about peace, but all emphatically warn against attempted intervention or mixing in by the United

"Vorwaerts" is the only newspaper to call attention to the fact that this important decision was reached by the leaders of the empire without consulting the people through the Reichstag.

us, to make us its powerless slave, and so we must use all means under our control to avoid this shameful destiny.

"For two years unrestricted submarine warfare has been disputed in Germany. As long as there was any outlook of bringing our enemies back to their senses we did not wish to decide for it, but since the haughty rejection of the German peace note we know where we are, and now the time has come when all considerations must be silenced. We want to be victorious. come when all considerations must be silenced. We want to be victorious, Continued on page 3, column 5 we must fight until the breath leaves

Malone Modifies Ship Berlin Press Delighted Spain, Holland, Denmark Ready to Join and Hopes America America for Defence

FRICHTFUL

London Feb. 1. Advices to-day from Berlin, Feb. 1.- The press of Berlin that all are looking to the United

> Positive action from the United States seems to be expected by all three countries in what their publicists characterize as the final phase of the war, and in each of them it is either openly or tacitly admitted that their attitude will depend largely upon the position assumed by the

Swiss and Norwegians Act The Swiss Federal government has

received the German submarine note. The Federal council, at a special sitting to-day, discussed the difficult sitand provisions created by the extension of the blockade, and called a conference of the heads of the various de-

"Lokal Anzeiger." "From to-day our iana correspondent. Until further no U-boats have a free path. In true
British style we have declared AngloFranco-Italian waters a war zone. The
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FLORIDA TOURISTS' PATRONAGE

by Atlantic Coast Line's "N. Y. accial" train on last season's record of \$750 perfect service. 1198 B'way.—Adri.

ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY EXPECTED AS NEXT MOVE

"No Action Yet," Say Officials, but Warning May Already Have Gone to Berlin

BERNSTORFF STILL AT POST; HASN'T PREPARED TO LEAVE

President Calls Lansing and House Into Night Conference-Will Go Before Cabinet Today and May Address Congress

By STEVENSON H. EVANS

Washington, Feb. 1 .- The lapse of thirty hours since the receipt of the German declaration of ruthless submarine warfare in defiance of international law and the rights of neutrals leaves this government just where it was last night-on the brink of a diplomatic break with Germany. President Wilson has done nothing yet.

Nobody here believes, not even Count von Bernstorff, that a diplomatic break can be averted. Severance of diplomatic relations by first class powers always in history has been followed by war. There are no exceptions.

The words of the Secretary of State, blunderingly spoken on December 21, that this country is "on the verge of war" have come true. At last the United States of America is about to throw its might upon the side of the great democracies of the world which are fighting a military autocracy.

Hope Action Will Back Words

Washington is disposed to give the President plenty of time to consider the momentous crisis which confronts the country. There is no tendency anywhere to hurry or criticise his action. On the contrary, there appears to be a general belief that when the government of the United States does speak it will be in

words of no uncertain meaning. There is hope, too, that the words will be backed by action.' so that the imperial German government will have no lingering doubt of the intentions of this government.

There were literally no developments in the situation. The Secretary of State, Robert Lansing, met twoscore correspondents at 3:30 this afternoon with the statement that he would answer no questions whatever. He amended that three minutes later by declaring that no action had been taken yet and that probably no action would be taken to-night.

Mr. Lansing added specifically that he had had no communication with the German Ambassador. Blank refusal to say a word developed when the newspaper men shot in question after question on the various phases of the present crisis. Mr. Lansing refused to say whether word had been received from Mr. Gerard, whether instructions had been sent to him, or to give the slightest intimation of what was intended.

Wilson Has Decided His Course

The Secretary of State and all high governmental officials acted precisely to-day as they have acted on previous momentous occasions when this government has been on the point of dispatching critical messages to foreign powers. There was the same air of important mystery in all the offices. One important personage, whose position in the government and activities to-day would uphold the belief that he spoke with knowledge, said to-night that this government "as yet had done nothing" by way of reply to the German note.

That was the only positive statement which I was able to uation of the supply of raw materials obtain. There were other equally important personages whose manner and guarded words gave the certain impression that President Wilson actually had spoken and that the fateful words already were on the cable.

Certain it is at least that the President has made up his mind what action to take. It is the general belief in the highest quarters that his first action will be either to warn Germany that the illegal blockade will not be recognized and, by inference at least, that such blockade wil be resisted by the naval force of the United States; or that he has sent, or is about to send, a demand that the submarine blockade-which means the sacrifice of the last pretence of observing international law and the murder of thousands of innocent people-be rescinded

No Yielding by Germany Expected

No one here in a position to have exact knowledge believes that Germany will pay attention to either warning or demand. The imperial government after full and complete consideration has determined upon a line of action which they are certain to attempt. If ruthless submarine warfare fails in its attempt to starve Great Britain in thirty days-as representatives of the Allies and American naval officers are certain that it will